

HERD NUTRITIONIST

Research and advisory role that advises on raw material product selection, maintenance feeding programs and modification of diets to meet certain desired outcomes.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Frequently observe animals' behavior and eating habits
- Understand current feed rations and nutritional value
- Get to know the farm and the ultimate end use for the animals to better formulate a diet for them
- Educate farmer and employee on appropriate diets, product mix, dietary planning and preparation of fodder or food to treat an illness or disease and/or to enhance and maintain optimum health performance
- Determine performance benchmarks and process as defined by regulatory and company policies
- Conduct and evaluate dietary studies and other fodder, food and nutrition-related research
- Monitor aspects of feed manufacturing and quality control
- Advise on product development and marketing strategies and provide nutritional information to consumer market
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- Research alternative raw product inputs for desired minimum nutritional results
- Assist in keeping records of anti-biotics, medicines etc.



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

Bachelor's or Master's degree in animal science, animal nutrition, poultry science or related field

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, mathematics, anatomy, biology, chemistry, animal science, computer courses

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Cooperatives, veterinarians, feed companies, or you may be self-employed

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Animal Nutrition Association
- American Association of Swine Practitioners
- American Poultry Association

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$85,000